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$$\text{sum from } i=0 \text{ to } p \text{ of } (\alpha_{i+1})(s_{t-i}) = n_t$$

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0. Introduction.

Suppose that a message  $X_t$  has been received, but that, due to noise in the channel of communication, the original signal  $s_t$  cannot be reconstructed directly from the observation  $X_t (=s_t + \epsilon_t)$ . The techniques of so-called signal detection (or signal extraction) have been developed for the purpose of inferring the signal sent as an important field of communication theory. [See Whalen (1971).] This same problem has also been called, by some econometricians, the problem of "unobservable variables". Namely, they maintain that the actually observed quantities do not necessarily coincide with the corresponding variables in a theoretical framework; thus certain noise-elimination techniques need to be applied to observations when a theoretical model is fitted. [See, for example, Grether and Nerlove (1970).]

In a probabilistic framework, this signal-extraction problem has a direct connection with prediction theory in stationary stochastic processes, and a similar technique to that of construction of the optimal linear filter in prediction can be applied. In particular, if the spectral densities of the  $s_t$  and the  $\epsilon_t$  are rational, the optimal (in the sense of minimum

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mean-square error) estimate of  $s_t$  can be obtained from a fairly simple recursive formula. [See Whittle (1963).] Prediction theory, however, assumes complete knowledge of the spectral structure of both signal and noise. However, in practical situations, this is not usually the case. Rather, in most cases, what is required is to recover the information concerning the structure of the signal and noise. For this purpose, there seems to be two statistical treatments. One is to assume  $s_t$  to be a certain (not necessarily linear) deterministic function of a time parameter or of other parameters and to apply least-squares or other pertinent methods (Walker (1969) and Hannan (1971)). Another approach considers the model of a nondeterministic stationary signal. This paper explores the latter approach. The model which will be investigated below is the following: Assume that a signal  $s_t$  is observed superimposed by white noise  $\epsilon_t$ , that is,

$$(1) \quad X_t = s_t + \epsilon_t ,$$

and assume further that the signal is generated by an autoregressive process

$$(2) \quad \sum_{i=0}^p \alpha_i s_{t-i} = h_t , \quad t = \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots,$$

with  $\alpha_0 \equiv 1$ , where the  $\epsilon_t$  and the  $h_t$  are respectively i.i.d., and mutually independent. Henceforth write  $\alpha$  the vector whose element is  $\alpha_j$ .

The interest in investigating specifically this type of model is that, as will be seen, this is a special case of rational spectra. [The

spectrum of the present model is formally a rational function of  $e^{iw}$ , but the parameters of the denominator and of the numerator are functionally related to each other. The usual statistical estimation procedures of rational spectra do not seem to apply to the present model effectively. Though the author attempted the application of Hannan's method of estimation of rational spectra (see Hannan (1970) ) to this model, it was unsatisfactory. It seems that only when the variance ratio of  $\epsilon_t$  and  $\eta_t$  is known, can Hannan's method (after certain modifications) be applied.]

In his paper Parzen (1967) suggests using the Yule-Walker equations or the instrumental variable method to estimate the parameters in the model expressed by (1) and (2). The method is consistent, but not efficient.

The Yule-Walker equations can be derived as follows. Noting that, in view of (1) and (2),  $\sum_{i=0}^p \alpha_i E(X_{t-i} X_{t-p-\ell}) = 0$  for  $\ell = 1, 2, \dots, p$ , an estimate of the  $\alpha_i$  can be obtained by solving those equations after replacing  $E(X_{t-i} X_{t-p-\ell})$  by the sample covariance  $\sum_{t=p+\ell+1}^N X_{t-i} X_{t-p-\ell}/N-p-\ell$ .

Walker (1960) observed that in the case  $p = 1$  the efficiency of this estimate is near unity only for a small  $\alpha_1$  or for a high signal to noise proportion.

This paper considers the model given by (1) and (2), and establishes the asymptotic properties of an approximate maximum-likelihood estimate and an efficient estimate is also constructed. An estimate is called efficient below when its asymptotic distribution is normal with asymptotic covariance matrix equal to the limit of the inverse of the average Fisher information matrix when the process is Gaussian. Another approach for constructing an efficient estimate of the  $\alpha$ 's was proposed by Pagano (1974),

though his estimate is different from the one given here in that his method does not use the likelihood function and also his consistent estimate for the starting value of iteration is different from the one proposed below. The author of the present paper has shown an optimality of the use of likelihood function to obtain an efficient estimate of parameters in time-series models in his paper (1977).

The program proceeds as follows: In the next section, an approximate likelihood function is given, and the asymptotic properties of the approximate maximum-likelihood estimate are derived as a corollary of a more general result concerning the approximate maximum-likelihood estimation of a linear process plus white noise; the result is given in Appendix 2 since it has an independent interest. [For the simplicity of terminology, the value of the parameter maximizing an approximate likelihood function will be called below the maximum-likelihood estimate. This will cause no confusion.]

Section 2 concerns the construction of an efficient estimate of  $\alpha$ ,  $\sigma_\epsilon^2$  and  $\sigma_\eta^2$  where  $\sigma_\epsilon^2$  and  $\sigma_\eta^2$  are respectively the variance of  $\epsilon_t$  and  $\eta_t$ . A method that yields consistent estimates of  $\sigma_\epsilon^2$  and  $\sigma_\eta^2$  is shown and an efficient estimate of  $\alpha$  will be given by the Newton-Raphson iteration.

Appendix 1 to this paper establishes that under general conditions the second Newton-Raphson iteration gives an estimate which is equivalent to the maximum-likelihood estimate to the probability order  $1/N$ , where  $N$  is the sample size, whereas efficient estimates in general are equivalent to the maximum-likelihood estimate to the probability order  $1/\sqrt{N}$ .

Finally, since this paper exclusively considers the case where a signal is generated by an autoregressive scheme, it may be pertinent to

offer a comment on the moving-average type signal. Consider, for example, the simplest moving-average scheme  $s_t = \eta_t + \alpha \eta_{t-1}$  and suppose the  $X_t (= s_t + \varepsilon_t)$  are observed. Assuming the same conditions on  $\varepsilon_t$  and  $\eta_t$  as previously given, the spectral density of  $X_t$  is given by

$f(\omega | \alpha, \sigma_\eta^2, \sigma_\varepsilon^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \{ |1 + \alpha e^{i\omega}|^2 \sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \}, -\pi \leq \omega < \pi$ . If  $\sigma_\varepsilon^2$  and  $\sigma_\eta^2$  are unknown, the values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\sigma_\varepsilon^2$  and  $\sigma_\eta^2$  that give the same spectral density  $f$  as a function of  $\omega$  are not unique. Suppose

$$|1 + \alpha e^{i\omega}|^2 \sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 = |1 + \alpha^* e^{i\omega}|^2 \sigma_\eta^{*2} + \sigma_\varepsilon^{*2}, \text{ from which it follows that}$$

$$(1 + \alpha^2) \sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 = (1 + \alpha^{*2}) \sigma_\eta^{*2} + \sigma_\varepsilon^{*2},$$

$$\alpha \sigma_\eta^2 = \alpha^* \sigma_\eta^{*2}.$$

Given  $\alpha^*$ ,  $\sigma_\varepsilon^*$  and  $\sigma_\eta^{*2}$ , it is easy to see that the solution of the equations above is indeterminate, even if there is the restriction  $|\alpha| < 1$ .

### 1. The Likelihood Function.

An approximate likelihood function for  $\alpha$ ,  $\sigma_\varepsilon^2$  and  $\sigma_\eta^2$  is derived here under the assumption that  $\varepsilon_t$  and  $\eta_t$  are Gaussian. First of all the spectral density of  $X_t$  generated by (1) and (2) can be written as

$$(3) \quad f(\omega | \alpha, \sigma_\varepsilon^2, \sigma_\eta^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\sigma_\eta^2}{\left| \sum_{j=0}^p \alpha_j e^{ij\omega} \right|^2} + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \right], -\pi \leq \omega < \pi,$$

where  $\alpha_0 = 1$ . Write (3) as  $\left\{ \sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \left| \sum_j \alpha_j e^{ij\omega} \right|^2 \right\} / 2\pi \left| \sum_j \alpha_j e^{ij\omega} \right|^2$ .

Then the numerator can be factorized into  $\sigma^2 \left| \sum_{j=0}^p \beta_j e^{ij\omega} \right|^2$  for some  $\sigma^2$

and  $\beta_0 = 1$ . This immediately follows from the Fejér-Riesz theorem [for example, Akhiezer (1956), p. 152] which says that if

$$(4) \quad g(\omega) = \sum_{k=-p}^p \beta_k e^{ik\omega}, \quad -\pi \leq \omega < \pi,$$

and  $g(\omega)$  is real and nonnegative, then there exists an  $h(\omega)$  such that  $g(\omega) = |h(\omega)|^2$  and  $h(\omega) = \sum_{k=0}^p \beta_k e^{ik\omega}$ . The numerator of (3) is, as is obvious from its expansion, of the form (4) and nonnegative; therefore

$$(5) \quad f(\omega | \alpha, \sigma_\epsilon^2, \sigma_\eta^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\sigma^2 \left| \sum_k \beta_k e^{ik\omega} \right|^2}{\left| \sum_j \alpha_j e^{ij\omega} \right|^2},$$

where  $\sigma^2$  and  $\beta$  are functions of  $\alpha, \sigma_\epsilon^2$  and  $\sigma_\eta^2$ .

Now in view of (5),  $X_t$  may be interpreted as generated by a linear process  $X_t = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v_k e_{t-k}$ , where the  $v_k$ 's are obtained from the equations  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} v_k e^{ik\omega} = \sum_l \beta_l e^{il\omega} / \sum_j \alpha_j e^{ij\omega}$ , and where the  $e_t$  are independent random variables such that

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Var}(e_t) &= 2\pi \exp \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log f(\omega) d\omega \\ &= 2\pi \exp \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[ \log \left( \frac{\sigma^2}{2\pi} \right) + \log \frac{\left| \sum_k \beta_k e^{ik\omega} \right|^2}{\left| \sum_j \alpha_j e^{ij\omega} \right|^2} \right] d\omega \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sigma^2 \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log \frac{\left| \sum_k \beta_k e^{ik\omega} \right|^2}{\left| \sum_j \alpha_j e^{ij\omega} \right|^2} d\omega \right\}$$

$$= \sigma^2 .$$

Also in view of (3), (6) may be written as

$$(7) \quad \sigma^2 = 2\pi \exp \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log \left\{ \frac{\sigma_\eta^2}{\left| \sum_j \alpha_j e^{ij\omega} \right|^2} + \sigma_\epsilon^2 \right\} d\omega \right]$$

The equation (6) is due to Szego's theorem [c.f. Hoffman (1962)].

Assuming the normality of  $\epsilon_t$  and  $\eta_t$ , after  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$  are observed, the log-likelihood function is

$$(8) \quad \log L_N(\alpha, \sigma_\epsilon^2, \sigma_\eta^2) = -\frac{1}{2} \log |V_N| - \frac{N}{2} \log 2\pi\sigma^2 - Q_N(x, \alpha, \sigma_\epsilon^2, \sigma_\eta^2),$$

where  $\sigma^2 V_N$  is the variance-covariance matrix of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$ , and

$$Q_N(x, \alpha, \sigma_\epsilon^2, \sigma_\eta^2) = x' V_N^{-1} x / (2\sigma^2) .$$

The log-likelihood function (8) can be simplified by making use of the following results due to Whittle (1952, 1962).

A) For a linear process  $x_t = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \eta_i \epsilon_{t-i}$ , if  $\sum_k \eta_k Z^k$  is analytic

and non-zero on  $\{Z : |Z| < 1 + \delta\}$  for some  $\delta > 0$ , then  $\log |V_N| \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . The present model satisfies this condition. From the formation of  $\beta$ , it is obvious that  $\sigma^2 |\sum_k \beta_k Z^k|^2 = \sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2 |\sum_j \alpha_j Z^j|^2 \neq 0$ . Also all zeroes of  $\sum_k \alpha_k Z^k = 0$  are outside the unit circle. Therefore  $1/(\sum_k \alpha_k Z^k)$

is analytic and  $|\sum \alpha_j z^j| \neq 0$ . Thus  $\sum \eta_k z^k = \sum \beta_j z^j / \sum \alpha_j z^j$  is analytic and nonzero on  $\{z : |z| < 1 + \delta\}$  for some  $\delta$ .

B) For large  $N$ ,  $Q_N$  can be approximated by

$$(9) \quad U_N(x, \alpha, \sigma_\epsilon^2, \sigma_\eta^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \sum_{n=1}^N x_n e^{in\omega} \right|^2 f(\omega | \alpha, \sigma_\epsilon^2, \sigma_\eta^2) d\omega$$

$$= N \sum_{k=(N-1)}^{N-1} \delta_k c_k,$$

where  $\sigma_k$  is the  $k$ -th Fourier coefficient of  $\log f(\omega | \alpha, \sigma_\epsilon^2, \sigma_\eta^2)$  and  $c_k$  is the sampling autocovariance of  $k$ -th order.

Now by A) and B), the log-likelihood function (8) can be approximated for large  $N$  by

$$(10) \quad \log L_N^*(\theta) = -\frac{N}{2} \log 2\pi\sigma^2(\theta) - \frac{1}{N} U_N(x, \theta)$$

$$= -\frac{N}{2} \log (2\pi)^2 - \frac{N}{2} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log f(\omega | \theta) d\omega$$

$$- \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\left| \sum_n x_n e^{in\omega} \right|^2}{f(\omega | \theta)} d\omega,$$

where  $\theta_i = \alpha_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$  and  $\theta_{p+1} = \sigma_\epsilon^2$ ,  $\theta_{p+2} = \sigma_\eta^2$ , and

thus  $f(\omega | \theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \theta_{p+2} \left/ \left| \sum_{i=0}^p \theta_j e^{ij\omega} \right|^2 + \theta_{p+1} \right. \right)$ . The general treatment

of the asymptotic properties of the least-squares estimate obtained from

maximizing the approximate likelihood function of the form (10) is furnished in Appendix 2, and the following Theorem 1 is a straightforward consequence of that result. That appendix deals with the asymptotic properties of the least-squares estimate of parameters of a general linear process which is superimposed by a white noise and derives them by means of an extension of the Whittle-Walker theorem. [See Whittle (1952) and Walker (1964).]

For the model represented by (1) and (2), assume the following:

A-1) The  $\varepsilon_t$  and  $\eta_t$  are strictly stationary processes with finite fourth cumulants which are denoted as  $K_4(\varepsilon)$  and  $K_4(\eta)$  respectively.

A-2) Let  $\alpha^0$ ,  $\sigma_{\varepsilon 0}^2$ , and  $\sigma_{\eta 0}^2$  be the true values of  $\alpha$ ,  $\sigma_\varepsilon^2$ ,  $\sigma_\eta^2$  respectively. Then  $\alpha^0 \in A$  with  $A$  a compact subset of  $R^p$  such that, for any  $\alpha \in A$ , all zeroes of  $\sum_{i=0}^p \alpha_i z^i$  are outside of the unit circle.  $\sigma_{\varepsilon 0}^2$  and  $\sigma_{\eta 0}^2$  are respectively in a compact subset of  $R^+$ .

Then

Theorem 1:

Let  $\hat{\alpha}$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_\varepsilon^2$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_\eta^2$  be the least-squares estimates derived from the function (10). Let  $h(\omega|\theta) = 1/f(\omega|\theta)$ . Then  $\sqrt{N}(\hat{\alpha} - \alpha_0)$ ,  $\sqrt{N}(\hat{\sigma}_\varepsilon^2 - \sigma_{\varepsilon 0}^2)$  and  $\sqrt{N}(\hat{\sigma}_\eta^2 - \sigma_{\eta 0}^2)$  are asymptotically jointly normally distributed with mean vector  $0$ , and with covariance matrix  $4\pi W_0^{-1} + K_4(\varepsilon)W_0^{-1}U_0W_0^{-1} + K_4(\eta)W_0^{-1}V_0W_0^{-1}$ , where  $W_0$ ,  $U_0$  and  $V_0$  are  $(p+2) \times (p+2)$  matrices with the representative terms

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{h^{(i)}(\omega|\theta^0)}{h(\omega|\theta^0)} \frac{h^{(j)}(\omega|\theta^0)}{h(\omega|\theta^0)} d\omega , \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h^{(i)}(\omega|\theta^0) \frac{\theta_{p+1}^0}{2\pi g(\omega|\theta^0)} d\omega$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h^{(j)}(\omega|\theta^0) \frac{\theta_{p+1}^0}{2\pi(\omega|\theta^0)} d\omega , \frac{\theta_{p+2}^0}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h^{(i)}(\omega|\theta^0) d\omega$$

$\frac{\theta_{p+2}^0}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h^{(j)}(\omega|\theta^0) d\omega$ , respectively and where  $\theta_i^0 = \alpha_i^0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ,

$$\theta_{p+1}^0 = \sigma_{\epsilon 0}^2 \text{ and } \theta_{p+2}^0 = \sigma_{\eta 0}^2 .$$

## 2. Efficient estimates of $\alpha$ , $\sigma_{\epsilon}^2$ and $\sigma_{\eta}^2$ .

To obtain the maximum-likelihood estimate, the function to be maximized is, in view of (10),

$$- \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log f(\omega|\theta) d\omega - \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2 N} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\left| \sum_n X_n e^{i\omega n} \right|^2}{f(\omega|\theta)} d\omega$$

which, for practical purpose, can be approximated by

$$(11) \quad - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \log f(\omega_i|\theta) - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{I(\omega_j)}{f(\omega_j|\theta)} ,$$

where  $\omega_j = 2\pi j/N$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$ , and  $I(\omega_j) = \frac{1}{2\pi N} \left| \sum_n X_n e^{i\omega_j n} \right|^2$ .

Let the quantity (11) be denoted by  $A(\theta, X)$ . The first derivative of  $A(\theta, X)$  is nonlinear with respect to  $\theta$ , so that a certain approximation

is required for the solution of  $\partial A(\theta, X)/\partial \theta = 0$ . It can be shown that the Newton-Raphson iteration procedure generally produces an estimate as efficient as the maximum-likelihood estimate if the iteration starts with a consistent estimate of  $\theta$ ; Theorem 3 of Appendix 1 proves that the first-step iteration produces an estimate  $\theta^2$  such that  $\sqrt{N}(\theta^2 - \theta)$  converges to 0 in probability and moreover that  $N(\theta^3 - \theta)$  tends to 0 in probability for the estimate  $\theta^3$  obtained by the second-step of the iteration. For that theorem to apply, two points must be checked. The one is whether the starting value of  $\theta$  is consistent, and the other is whether the present model satisfies the conditions of Theorem 3. Concerning the first point, it has already been shown that the solution of the Yule-Walker equations is a consistent estimate of  $\alpha$ . The starting value for  $\sigma_\epsilon^2$  and  $\sigma_\eta^2$  can be constructed as follows: Let  $g(\omega|\alpha) = \left| \sum_{k=0}^p \alpha_k e^{i\omega k} \right|^2$ ,

and let  $\tilde{\alpha}$  be the solution of the Yule-Walker equations. Taking relation (3) into consideration, regress  $2\pi I(\omega_j)$  on  $1/g(\omega_j|\tilde{\alpha})$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$ . Then estimates of  $\sigma_\epsilon^2$  and  $\sigma_\eta^2$  can be obtained as the regression coefficients. Namely, calculate

$$(12) \quad \hat{\sigma}_\epsilon^2 = \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_j \frac{2\pi I(\omega_j)}{g(\omega_j|\tilde{\alpha})} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_j 2\pi I(\omega_j) \frac{1}{N} \sum_j \frac{1}{g(\omega_j|\tilde{\alpha})}}{\frac{1}{N} \sum_j \frac{1}{g(\omega_j|\tilde{\alpha})} - \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_j \frac{1}{g(\omega_j|\tilde{\alpha})} \right]^2},$$

$$(13) \quad \hat{\sigma}_\eta^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j 2\pi I(\omega_j) - \hat{\sigma}_\epsilon^2 \frac{1}{N} \sum_j 1/g(\omega_j|\tilde{\alpha}).$$

Theorem 2:

The  $\tilde{\sigma}_\varepsilon^2$  and  $\tilde{\sigma}_\eta^2$  are consistent estimates of  $\sigma_\varepsilon^2$  and  $\sigma_\eta^2$  respectively.

Proof:

$$\text{plim}_{N \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\sigma}_\varepsilon^2 = \frac{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int \frac{2\pi f(\omega|\alpha, \sigma_\varepsilon^2, \sigma_\eta^2)}{g(\omega|\alpha)} d\omega - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int 2\pi f(\omega|\alpha, \sigma_\varepsilon^2, \sigma_\eta^2) d\omega \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \frac{1}{g(\omega|\alpha)} d\omega}{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int \frac{1}{g(\omega|\alpha)^2} d\omega - \left\{ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \frac{1}{g(\omega|\alpha)} d\omega \right\}^2}$$

where, using (3), the numerator above is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{2\pi} \int \frac{d\omega}{g(\omega|\alpha)^2} + \frac{\sigma_\eta^2}{2\pi} \int \frac{d\omega}{g(\omega|\alpha)} - \frac{1}{2\pi} \left\{ \int \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2 d\omega}{g(\omega|\alpha)} + 2\pi \sigma_\eta^2 \right\} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \frac{d\omega}{g(\omega|\alpha)} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_\varepsilon^2}{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{d\omega}{g(\omega|\alpha)^2} - \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d\omega}{g(\omega|\alpha)} \right)^2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\text{plim}_N \tilde{\sigma}_\varepsilon^2 = \sigma_\varepsilon^2$ . In the same way,  $\text{plim}_{N \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\sigma}_\eta^2 = \sigma_\eta^2$ . //

In order to see that the Newton-Raphson method with  $\tilde{\alpha}$ ,  $\tilde{\sigma}_\varepsilon^2$  and  $\tilde{\sigma}_\eta^2$  as its starting values provides an efficient estimate, it is sufficient to check that the approximate likelihood function (11) with conditions A-1 and A-2 satisfies conditions C-1 and C-2 of Theorem 3. Condition A-2 implies that  $f(\omega|\theta)$ ,  $\partial^2 f(\omega|\theta)/\partial\theta_i \partial\theta_j$  and  $\partial^3 f(\omega|\theta)/\partial\theta_i \partial\theta_j \partial\theta_h$ ,  $i, j, h = 1, 2, \dots, p+2$ , are uniformly continuous with respect to  $\omega \in (-\pi, \pi)$  and  $\theta$  in the

parameter space. Thus convergence of  $\frac{\partial^2 A(\theta, x)}{\partial\theta_i \partial\theta_j}$  and  $\frac{\partial^3 A(\theta, x)}{\partial\theta_i \partial\theta_j \partial\theta_h}$  is straightforward. Accordingly conditions C-1 and C-2 are satisfied.

- To summarize the preceding argument, efficient estimates of  $\alpha$ ,  $\sigma_\epsilon^2$  and  $\sigma_\eta^2$  can be constructed as follows:
- 1) Solve  $\sum_{i=0}^p \alpha_i \left( \sum_{t=p+\ell+1}^N x_{t-i} x_{t-p-\ell} / N-p-\ell \right) = 0 . \quad \ell = 1, 2, \dots, p$   
for  $\alpha$ . Let the solution be  $\tilde{\alpha}$ .
  - 2) Calculate  $\tilde{\sigma}_\epsilon^2$  and  $\tilde{\sigma}_\eta^2$  by (12) and (13).
  - 3) Let  $\theta_i^{(1)} = \tilde{\alpha}_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ,  $\theta_{p+1}^{(1)} = \tilde{\sigma}_\epsilon^2$  and  $\theta_{p+2}^{(1)} = \tilde{\sigma}_\eta^2$  and apply the following iteration formula:

$$\theta^{(n)} = \theta^{(n-1)} - \frac{\partial^2 A(\theta^{(n-1)}, X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta}^{-1} \frac{\partial A(\theta^{(n-1)}, X)}{\partial \theta}, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots,$$

where  $(A(\theta, X))$  and  $g(\omega | \alpha)$  below are abbreviated as  $A$  and  $g$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial \theta_\ell} = \frac{\partial A}{\partial \alpha_\ell}$$

$$= -\sum_j \frac{2\sigma_\eta^2 (\sum_k \alpha_k \cos(k-\ell) \omega_j)}{(\sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2 g)^2} - \sum_j \frac{2I(\omega_j) \sum_k \alpha_k \cos(k-\ell) \omega_j}{(\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_\eta^2 g)^2}, \quad \ell = 1, 2, \dots, p,$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial \theta_{p+1}} = \frac{\partial A}{\partial \sigma_\epsilon^2} = -\sum_j \frac{g}{\sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2 g} + \sum_j \frac{I(\omega_j) g^2}{(\sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2 g)^2},$$

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial \theta_{p+2}} = \frac{\partial A}{\partial \sigma_\eta^2} = -\sum_j \frac{1}{\sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2 g} + \sum_j \frac{I(\omega_j) g}{(\sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2 g)^2}.$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial \theta_l \partial \theta_m} = \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial \alpha_l \partial \alpha_m}$$

$$= - \sum_j \frac{2\sigma_\eta^2 \cos\{(m-l)\omega_j\}}{(\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_\eta^2 g)^2} + \sum_j \frac{4\sigma_\eta^2 (\sigma_\eta^2 + 2\sigma_\epsilon^2 g) (\sum_k \alpha_k \cos(k-l)\omega_j) (\sum_k \alpha_k \cos(k-m)\omega_j)}{\{(\sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2 g)g\}^2}$$

$$- \sum_j \frac{2I(\omega_j) \sigma_\eta^2 \cos(m-l)\omega_j}{(\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_\eta^2 g)^2} + \sum_j \frac{4I(\omega_j) \sigma_\eta^2 (\sum_k \alpha_k \cos(k-l)\omega_j) (\sum_k \alpha_k \cos(k-m)\omega_j)}{(\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_\eta^2 g)^3}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial \theta_l \partial \theta_{p+1}} = \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial \theta_l \partial \sigma_\epsilon^2}$$

$$= \sum_j \frac{2\sigma_\eta^2 (\sum_k \alpha_k \cos(k-l)\omega_j)}{(\sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2 g)^2} + \sum_j \frac{4I(\omega_j) \sigma_\eta^2 g (\sum_k \alpha_k \cos(k-l)\omega_k)}{(\sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2 g)^3}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial \theta_{p+1}^2} = \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial (\sigma_\epsilon^2)^2}$$

$$= \sum_j \frac{g^2}{(\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_\eta^2 g)^2} - \sum_j \frac{2I(\omega_j) g^3 (\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_\eta^2 g)}{(\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_\eta^2 g)^4}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial \theta_{p+2}^2} = \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial (\sigma_\eta^2)^2}$$

$$= \sum_j \frac{1}{(\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_\eta^2 g)^2} - \sum_j \frac{2I(\omega_j) g}{(\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_\eta^2 g)^3}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial \theta_l \partial \theta_{p+2}} = \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial \alpha_l \partial \sigma_\eta^2}$$

$$= - \sum_j \frac{2 \sum_k \alpha_k \cos(k-l) \omega_j}{(\sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2 g)^2} + \sum_j \frac{2 \sigma_\eta^2 (\sum_k \alpha_k \cos(k-l) \omega_j)}{(\sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2 g)^2}$$

$$- \sum_j \frac{2 I(\omega_j) \sum_k \alpha_k \cos(k-l) \omega_j}{(\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_\eta^2 g)^2} + \sum_j \frac{4 I(\omega_j) g \sigma_\eta^2 (\sum_k \alpha_k \cos(k-l) \omega_m)}{(\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \sigma_\eta^2 g)^3}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial \theta_{p+1} \partial \theta_{p+2}} = \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial \sigma_\epsilon^2 \partial \sigma_\eta^2}$$

$$= \sum_j \frac{g}{(\sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2 g)^2} - \sum_j \frac{2 I(\omega_j) g^2}{(\sigma_\eta^2 + \sigma_\epsilon^2 g)^3}$$

### 3. Numerical Examples.

Here are given two examples of the method for the simulated data generated from the model

$$(14) \quad X_t = 0.6X_{t-1} + n_t ,$$

$$Y_t = X_t + \epsilon_t ,$$

where  $\epsilon_t$  and  $n_t$  are respectively generated by a normal random-number generator with mean 0 and standard deviation 1. The numerical results

in Table 1 exhibit the estimates obtained from generated values of  $Y_t$  (sample size = 200); the first column in the table shows starting values (namely consistent estimates) of  $\alpha$ ,  $\sigma_\eta^2$  and  $\sigma_\epsilon^2$ , and the second column, the third, and so forth, show each step of the iteration.

TABLE 1 (\*)

Step of iteration	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
$\alpha$	0.705	0.703	0.701	0.700	0.699	0.697	0.696
$\sigma_\eta^2$	0.546	0.568	0.573	0.576	0.579	0.582	0.584
$\sigma_\epsilon^2$	1.286	1.253	1.250	1.247	1.244	1.242	1.243

The estimation from 300  $Y$ 's yielded this:

TABLE 2 (\*)

Step of iteration	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
$\alpha$	0.517	0.523	0.526	0.529	0.532	0.533	0.535
$\sigma_\eta^2$	1.249	1.177	1.165	1.155	1.147	1.140	1.135
$\sigma_\epsilon^2$	0.708	0.787	0.798	0.807	0.813	0.818	0.823

Obviously the case of sample size 300 gives better estimation than 200; but in both cases it can be observed that the convergence is very slow.

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(\*) In Tables 1 and 2, the values in the 1st column denote consistent estimates of  $\alpha$ ,  $\sigma_\epsilon^2$  and  $\sigma_\eta^2$  which are starting values of iteration.

The following Table 3 displays the covariance matrices  $\frac{4\pi}{N} W_0^{-1}$  of the estimates of  $\alpha$ ,  $\sigma_\eta^2$  and  $\sigma_\epsilon^2$  for sample sizes  $N = 200$  and  $300$  evaluated by means of the asymptotic covariance matrix given in Theorem 1, where the element corresponding to the column  $\alpha$  and the raw  $\sigma_\eta^2$  denotes, for example, the covariance of the estimates of  $\alpha$  and  $\sigma_\eta^2$ .

TABLE 3

$N=200$	$\alpha$	$\sigma_\eta^2$	$\sigma_\epsilon^2$	$N=300$	$\alpha$	$\sigma_\eta^2$	$\sigma_\epsilon^2$
$\alpha$	0.050	-0.325	0.433		0.033	-0.216	0.289
$\sigma_\eta^2$	-0.325	2.178	-2.858		-0.216	1.145	-1.905
$\sigma_\epsilon^2$	0.433	-2.858	3.811		0.289	-1.905	2.541

## APPENDIX 1

### THE NEWTON-RAPHSON METHOD

Let  $L_N(\theta)$  be a likelihood function of  $\theta = \{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_q\}'$  given observations  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$  and let  $N_\delta(\theta^0) = \{\theta : \|\theta - \theta^0\| < \delta\}$  be a certain neighborhood of  $\theta^0$ , the true value of  $\theta$ . Now assume the following.

B-1)  $\log L_N(\theta)$  is third-order differentiable with respect to  $\theta_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, q$ , for  $\theta \in N(\theta^0)$ .

$\ell_{ij} = \underset{N \rightarrow \infty}{\text{plim}} \frac{\partial^2 \log L_N(\theta^0)}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j}$  exists and the matrix

$\{\ell_{ij}\}$   $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, p$  is nonsingular.

B-2)  $\frac{\partial^3 \log L_N(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j \partial \theta_k}$  is bounded in probability uniformly in  $\theta \in N_\delta(\theta^0)$ .

B-3) There exists a consistent estimate  $\theta^1$  [i.e.,  $\theta^1 \rightarrow \theta^0$  in probability as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ] such that  $\sqrt{N}(\theta^1 - \theta^0)$  has a limiting distribution with a finite covariance matrix.

B-4) Let  $\hat{\theta}$  be a solution of the likelihood equations which is consistent; then  $\sqrt{N}(\theta - \theta^0)$  is also assumed to have a finite asymptotic covariance matrix.

Let  $\Gamma_N(\theta)$  be a p by p matrix whose (i,j) element is

$\frac{\partial^2 \log L_N(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j}$  and  $\gamma_N(\theta)$  be a p-vector whose i-th element is  $\frac{\partial \log L_N(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i}$ .

Let

$$(15) \quad \theta^2 = \theta^1 - \Gamma_N(\theta^1)^{-1} \gamma_N(\theta^1)$$

and

$$(16) \quad \theta^3 = \theta^2 - \Gamma_N(\theta^2)^{-1} \gamma_N(\theta^2).$$

Theorem 3:

If B-1) through B-4) hold,  $\sqrt{N}(\hat{\theta}^2 - \theta^0)$  tends to 0 in probability; in other words,  $\sqrt{N}(\hat{\theta}^2 - \theta^0)$  has the same limiting distribution as the maximum-likelihood estimate. Furthermore, under the same conditions,  $N(\hat{\theta}^3 - \hat{\theta}^2)$  tends to 0 in probability.

Proof:

By the Taylor expansion of  $\partial \log L_N(\hat{\theta}) / \partial \theta_i = 0$  around  $\theta^1$ ,

$$(17) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial \log L_N(\theta^1)}{\partial \theta_i} + \sum_j (\hat{\theta}_j - \theta_j^1) \frac{\partial^2 \log L_N(\theta^1)}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} \\ & + \sum_j \sum_k (\hat{\theta}_j - \theta_j^1)(\hat{\theta}_k - \theta_k^1) \frac{\partial^3 \log L_N(\theta^*)}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j \partial \theta_k} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, q, \end{aligned}$$

where the  $\theta^*$  is such that  $\theta_i^1 \geq \theta_i^* \geq \hat{\theta}_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, q$ . In (17) above,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_j (\hat{\theta}_j - \theta_j^1) \frac{\partial^2 \log L_N(\theta^1)}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} \\
 (18) \quad &= \sum_j (\hat{\theta}_j - \theta_j^2) \frac{\partial^2 \log L_N(\theta^1)}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} + \sum_j (\theta_j^2 - \theta_j^1) \frac{\partial^2 \log L_N(\theta^1)}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} \\
 &= \sum_j (\hat{\theta}_j - \theta_j^2) \frac{\partial^2 \log L_N(\theta^1)}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} - \frac{\partial \log L_N(\theta^1)}{\partial \theta_i},
 \end{aligned}$$

by (15). From (17 and (18)),

$$\begin{aligned}
 (19) \quad & \sum_j \sqrt{N} (\hat{\theta}_j - \theta_j^2) \frac{\partial^2 \log L_N(\theta^1)}{N \partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} \\
 &= - \sum_j \sum_k \sqrt{N} (\hat{\theta}_j - \theta_j^1) \frac{\partial^3 \log L_N(\theta^*)}{N \partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j \partial \theta_k} (\hat{\theta}_k - \theta_k^1).
 \end{aligned}$$

Writing the term on the right-hand side above as

$$N(\hat{\theta}_j - \theta_j^1) \frac{\partial^3 \log L_N(\theta^*)}{N^{1+\varepsilon} \partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j \partial \theta_k} N^\varepsilon (\hat{\theta}_k - \theta_k^1), \text{ we see that, for } 0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2},$$

both  $\frac{\partial^3 \log L_N(\theta^*)}{N^{1+\varepsilon} \partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j \partial \theta_k}$  and  $N^\varepsilon (\hat{\theta}_k - \theta_k^1)$  converge to 0 in probability

and  $\sqrt{N} (\hat{\theta}_j - \theta_j^1)$  is asymptotically of finite variance by assumption.

Thus the whole quantity on the right of (19) converges to 0 in probability. It is easy to see that  $\partial^2 \log L_N(\theta^1)/N\partial\theta_i\partial\theta_j$  converges to  $\ell_{ij}$ . By assumption, the matrix  $(\ell_{ij})$  is nonsingular so that the  $\sqrt{N}(\hat{\theta}_j - \theta_j^2)$  tends to 0 in probability. In order to prove the second assertion of the theorem, note the following equation:

$$(20) \quad \begin{aligned} N(\theta^3 - \hat{\theta}) &= \{I - \Gamma_N(\theta^2)^{-1}\Gamma_N(\hat{\theta})\} N(\theta^2 - \hat{\theta}) \\ &\quad + \Gamma_N(\theta^2)^{-1} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{\partial \Gamma_N(\theta^{**})}{\partial \theta_k} (\theta_k^2 - \hat{\theta}_k) \right\} N(\theta^2 - \hat{\theta}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta^{**}$  is a vector such that  $\hat{\theta}_j \leq \theta_j^{**} \geq \theta_j^2$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ,  $\partial \Gamma_N(\theta)/\partial \theta_k$  is a  $p$  by  $p$  matrix with  $\partial^3 \log L_N(\theta)/\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j \partial \theta_k$  as its  $(i,j)$  element and  $I$  is the  $p$  by  $p$  identity matrix. Then if  $N(\theta^2 - \hat{\theta})$  is bounded in probability, the first term on the right-hand side of (20) converges to 0 in probability since  $\Gamma_N(\theta^2)^{-1}\Gamma_N(\hat{\theta})$  converges to the identity matrix, and the second term tends to 0 since  $\Gamma_N(\theta^2)^{-1}\partial \Gamma_N(\theta^{**})/\partial \theta_k$  is asymptotically bounded. The fact that  $N(\theta^2 - \hat{\theta})$  is bounded in probability is evident in view of the following equation:

$$(21) \quad \begin{aligned} N(\theta^2 - \hat{\theta}) &= \sqrt{N}\{I - \Gamma_N(\theta^1)^{-1}\Gamma_N(\hat{\theta})\} \sqrt{N}(\theta^1 - \hat{\theta}) \\ &\quad - \Gamma_N^{-1}(\theta^1) \left\{ \sum_k \frac{\partial \Gamma_N(\tilde{\theta})}{\partial \theta_k} \sqrt{N}(\theta_k^1 - \hat{\theta}_k) \right\} \sqrt{N}(\theta^1 - \hat{\theta}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta_j^1 \leq \theta_j \leq \theta_j^2$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ , since

$$\sqrt{N}(I - \Gamma_N(\theta^1)^{-1} \Gamma_N(\hat{\theta})) = \sum_j \frac{\partial \Gamma_N(\tilde{\theta})}{N \partial \theta_j} \sqrt{N}(\hat{\theta}_j - \theta_j^1)$$

for a vector  $\tilde{\theta}$  such that  $\theta_j^1 \leq \theta_j \leq \hat{\theta}_j$  and  $\partial \Gamma_N(\tilde{\theta})/N \partial \theta_j$  is bounded in probability.  $\square$

## APPENDIX 2

### THE ASYMPTOTIC PROPERTIES OF THE LEAST-SQUARES ESTIMATE OF A LINEAR PROCESS PLUS WHITE NOISE

Let  $\{X_t : t = \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots\}$  be a stationary process representable as a linear process  $X_t = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \mu_i(\theta) \epsilon_{t-i}$ , where the  $\epsilon_t$  are independent random variables such that  $E(\epsilon_t) = 0$ ,  $E(\epsilon_t^2) = \sigma_\epsilon^2(\theta)$  and  $E(\epsilon_t^4) = C < \infty$ . The  $\mu_i$  and  $\sigma_\epsilon$  are functions solely of  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_q)$ . Suppose that the process  $\{X_t\}$  has a spectral density  $f(\omega|\theta)$  with respect to the Lebesgue measure. Then define a process  $\{Y_t\}$  by  $Y_t = X_t + \eta_t$  where  $\{X_t\}$  is defined as above, the  $\eta_t$  are i.i.d. random variables with mean 0, variance  $\text{Var}(\eta_t) = \sigma_\eta^2(\theta)$  and  $E(\eta_t^4) < \infty$ , and  $\{\epsilon_t\}$  is independent of  $\{\eta_t\}$ . Set  $g(\omega|\theta) = f(\omega|\theta) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \sigma_\eta^2(\theta)$ . Now assume the following:

C-1)  $\theta^0$ , the true value of  $\theta$ , is in  $\Theta$ , a compact subset of  $R^q$ ,

C-2)  $g(\omega|\theta^1)$  cannot be equal to  $g(\omega|\theta^2)$  i.e., for  $\theta^1 \neq \theta^2$ ,

C-3)  $h(\omega|\theta) = 1/g(\omega|\theta)$ , and  $h^{(i)}(\omega|\theta) = \partial h(\omega|\theta)/\partial \theta_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, q$ , are continuous in  $(\omega, \theta)$  for  $|\omega| \leq \pi$ ,  $\theta \in \Theta$ , and  $W_0$ , the  $q$  by  $q$  matrix with the representative term

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{h^{(i)}(\omega|\theta^0)}{h(\omega|\theta^0)} \frac{h^{(j)}(\omega|\theta^0)}{h(\omega|\theta^0)} d\omega$$

is nonsingular,

$$C-4) \quad h^{(i,j)}(\omega|\theta) = \partial^2 h / \partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j \quad \text{and} \quad h^{(i,j,k)}(\omega|\theta) = \partial^3 h / \partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j \partial \theta_k$$

exist and are continuous in  $(\omega, \theta)$  for  $|\omega| \leq \pi$ , and

$N_{\delta_1}(\theta^0)$ , a neighborhood of  $\theta^0$ ; namely  $N_{\delta_1}(\theta^0)$

$$= \{\theta : ||\theta - \theta^0|| < \delta_1\},$$

$$C-5) \quad \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i |\mu_i(\theta^0)| < \infty.$$

$$\text{Set } U_N(\theta) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \sum_{t=1}^N Y_t e^{i\omega t} \right|^2 / g(\omega|\theta) d\omega, \text{ and define } S_N(\theta)$$

$$S_N(\theta) = -\frac{N}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log f(\omega|\theta) d\omega - \frac{1}{2} U_N(\theta).$$

Let  $\hat{\theta}$  be a value of  $\theta$  which maximize  $S_N(\theta)$

#### Theorem 5:

Assume the conditions C-1 through C-5. Then  $\hat{\theta}$ , the approximate maximum-likelihood estimate of  $\theta$ , is consistent, and  $\sqrt{N}(\hat{\theta} - \theta^0)$  has the limiting distribution  $N(0, 4\pi W_0^{-1} + K_4(\epsilon) W_0^{-1} U_0 W_0^{-1}) + K_4(n) W_0^{-1} V_0 W_0^{-1})$ , where  $W_0, U_0, V_0$  are  $q$  by  $q$  matrices having  $i,j$ -th element

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{h^{(i)}(\omega|\theta^0)}{h(\omega|\theta^0)} \frac{h^{(j)}(\omega|\theta^0)}{h(\omega|\theta^0)} d\omega,$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h^{(i)}(\omega|\theta^0) f(\omega|\theta^0) d\omega / \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h^{(j)}(\omega|\theta^0) f(\omega|\theta^0) d\omega,$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{\eta}(\theta^0)}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h^{(i)}(\omega|\theta^0) d\omega \quad \frac{\sigma_{\eta}(\theta^0)}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h^{(j)}(\omega|\theta^0) d\omega$$

respectively. If the  $\varepsilon_t$  and  $\eta_t$  are Gaussian, the asymptotic distribution is  $N(0, 4\pi W_0^{-1})$ .

This theorem is derived by applying several modifications to Walker's results [1964]. For the arguments, the next lemma is important. The result is a straightforward extension of the Grenander-Rosenblatt theorem [1957, p. 137] and the proof is omitted.

Lemma 1:

Let  $W_j(\omega)$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ , be any bounded even functions of  $\omega$  with at most a finite number of discontinuities; let  $K_4(\varepsilon)$  and  $K_4(\eta)$  be fourth cumulants of  $\varepsilon_t$  and  $\eta_t$  respectively. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N \operatorname{cov} \left\{ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} I_N(\omega) W_j(\omega) d\omega, \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} I_N(\omega) W_k(\omega) d\omega \right\} \\ &= 16\pi^2 \left[ 4\pi \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g(\omega)^2 W_j(\omega) W_k(\omega) d\omega + K_4(\varepsilon) \left\{ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\omega) W_j(\omega) d\omega \right\} \left\{ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\omega) W_k(\omega) d\omega \right\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + K_4(\eta) \left\{ \frac{\sigma_{\eta}^2}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} W_j(\omega) d\omega \right\} \left\{ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} W_k(\omega) d\omega \right\} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $I_N(\omega)$  is the periodogram of the  $Y_t$ , namely  $I_N(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \sum_{v=1}^N Y_v e^{-iv\omega} \right|^2$ .

A. The Consistency of  $\hat{\theta}$ .

Lemma 2 [Walker (1964) p. 368:

There exists a function  $H_{\delta, N}(\theta)$  of  $\theta$  and  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  such that

$$|N^{-1}[U_N(\theta^2) - U_N(\theta^1)]| < H_{\delta, N}(\theta) \text{ for all } \theta_1, \theta_2 \in \theta (||\theta^2 - \theta^1|| < \delta),$$

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} E(H_{\delta, N}) = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } N,$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}(H_{\delta, N}) = 0 \quad \text{for each } \delta$$

Lemma 3:

Let  $\theta^0$  be the true value of  $\theta$ , and  $\theta^*$  be any other point in  $\Theta$ , then,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} P_r \left\{ \frac{1}{N} [S_N(\theta^0) - S_N(\theta^*)] > K'(\theta^0, \theta^*) \right\} = 1$$

for some positive  $K'(\theta^0, \theta^*)$ .

Proof:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} E \left\{ \frac{1}{N} [S_N(\theta^0) - S_N(\theta^*)] \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log \left\{ \frac{g(\omega|\theta^0)}{g(\omega|\theta^*)} \right\} d\omega + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} E \left\{ \frac{U_N(\theta^0) - U_N(\theta^*)}{N} \right\} \right].$$

where the second term is equal to

$$1 - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{g(\omega|\theta^0)}{g(\omega|\theta^*)} d\omega .$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} E \left\{ \frac{1}{N} [S_N(\theta^0) - S_N(\theta^*)] \right\} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log \left\{ \frac{g(\omega|\theta^0)}{g(\omega|\theta^*)} e \right\} d\omega - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log \left\{ \exp \left[ \frac{g(\omega|\theta^0)}{g(\omega|\theta^*)} \right] \right\} d\omega \right]. \end{aligned}$$

But note that, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $xe \leq e^x$  with equality at  $x = 1$ . Hence

$$\log \left\{ \frac{g(\omega|\theta^0)}{g(\omega|\theta^*)} e \right\} \leq \log \left\{ \exp \left[ \frac{g(\omega|\theta^0)}{g(\omega|\theta^*)} \right] \right\}$$

where, by condition 2, the equality does not hold for almost all  $\omega$ . Thus

$$(22) \quad \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log \left\{ \frac{g(\omega|\theta^0)}{g(\omega|\theta^*)} e \right\} d\omega - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \log \left\{ \exp \frac{g(\omega|\theta^0)}{g(\omega|\theta^*)} \right\} d\omega < 0 .$$

On the other hand,

$$\text{Var} \left\{ \frac{1}{N} [S_N(\theta^0) - S_N(\theta^*)] \right\} = \text{Var} \left\{ \frac{1}{N} [U_N(\theta^0) - U_N(\theta^*)] \right\} ,$$

where the right-side term converges to 0, as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , in view of Lemma 2.  $\square$

Define  $H_{\delta,N}(\theta^1)$  as in Lemma 2 and let

$$J_\delta(\theta^1) = \max_{\{\theta : ||\theta - \theta^1|| < \delta\}} \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\log g(\omega|\theta^1) - \log g(\omega|\theta)| d\omega .$$

Now put  $H_{\delta, N}^*(\theta^1) = H_{\delta, N}(\theta^1) + J_\delta(\theta^1)$ .

Lemma 4:

Let  $|\theta^2 - \theta^1| < \delta$ , then

$$|\frac{1}{N} [S_N(\theta^2) - S_N(\theta^1)]| < H_{\delta, N}^*(\theta^1), \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} E(H_{\delta, N}^*) = 0$$

uniformly in  $N$ , and  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}(H_{\delta, N}^*) = 0$  for any  $\delta$ .

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} |\frac{1}{N} [S_N(\theta^2) - S_N(\theta^1)]| &\leq \frac{1}{2} |\frac{1}{N} [U_N(\theta^2) - U_N(\theta^1)]| + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\log g(\omega|\theta^2) \\ &\quad - \log g(\omega|\theta^1)| d\omega \leq \frac{1}{2} H_{\delta, N}(\theta^1) + J_\delta(\theta^1). \end{aligned}$$

In view of Lemma 2, it suffices to prove that  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} J_\delta(\theta^1) = 0$ .

By the mean-value theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\log g(\omega|\theta^1) - \log g(\omega|\theta^2)| d\omega \\ &< \delta \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \sum_{k=1}^q \frac{\partial g(\omega|\lambda\theta^1 + (1-\lambda)\theta^2)}{\partial \theta_k} h(\omega|\lambda\theta^1 + (1-\lambda)\theta^2) \right| d\omega \end{aligned}$$

where  $\frac{\partial g(\omega|\lambda\theta^1 + (1-\lambda)\theta^2)}{\partial \theta_k}$  and  $h(\omega|\lambda\theta^1 + (1-\lambda)\theta^2)$  are bounded functions on

$\{\theta^2 : |\theta^2 - \theta^1| < \delta\}$ , by conditions 3) and 6). Thus as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$

$$\max_{\{\theta : |\theta - \theta^1| < \delta\}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\log g(\omega|\theta^1) - \log g(\omega|\theta)| d\omega \rightarrow 0 . \square$$

Now the consistency of  $\hat{\theta}$  follows from Lemma 3 and Lemma 4, by almost the same steps given by Walker (1964).

### B. Asymptotic Distribution of $\hat{\theta}$ .

It holds that

$$(23) \quad \sqrt{N}(\hat{\theta} - \theta^0) = - \left( \frac{\partial^2 S_N(\theta^*)}{N \partial \theta \partial \theta'} \right) - 1 \frac{\partial S_N(\theta^0)}{\sqrt{N} \partial \theta}$$

where  $\theta^* = \lambda \hat{\theta} + (1-\lambda)\theta^0$  for some  $\lambda$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ ,  $\partial^2 S_N(\cdot)/N \partial \theta \partial \theta'$  denotes the  $q$  by  $q$  matrix with elements  $\partial^2 S_N(\cdot)/N \partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, q$ ;  $\partial S_N(\cdot)/\sqrt{N} \partial \theta$  is the  $q$ -vector with elements  $\partial S_N(\cdot)/\sqrt{N} \partial \theta_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, q$  ( $\partial^2 h(\omega|\theta)/\partial \theta \partial \theta'$  below is defined in the same way). By condition 4),

$$(24) \quad \frac{\partial^2 S_N(\theta^*)}{N \partial \theta \partial \theta'} = - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} \log h(\omega|\theta^*) d\omega$$

$$- \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^2 N} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\partial^2 h(\omega|\theta^*)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} |\sum_n x_n e^{in}|^2 d\omega .$$

Then, as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , the right side of (24) converges to

$$-\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} \log h(\omega | \theta^0) d\omega - \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^2 N} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\partial^2 h(\omega | \theta^0)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} |\sum_n X_n e^{in\omega}|^2 d\omega$$

in probability. As  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\frac{1}{2(2\pi)^2 N} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\partial^2 h(\omega | \theta^0)}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} |\sum_n X_n e^{in\omega}|^2 d\omega \rightarrow \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{h^{(i,j)}(\omega | \theta^0)}{h} d\omega.$$

Also

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} \log h(\omega | \theta^0) d\omega = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{h^{(i,j)}}{h} - \frac{h^{(i)} h^{(j)}}{h^2} d\omega.$$

Therefore the following result holds.

Lemma 5:

$$\frac{\partial^2 S_n(\theta^*)}{N \partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{h^{(i)} h^{(j)}}{h^2} d\omega = -\frac{1}{4\pi} W_0 \text{ in probability.}$$

The only problem which remains is to find the asymptotic distribution

$$\text{of } \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \frac{\partial S_n(\theta^0)}{\partial \theta}.$$

Lemma 6:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} E \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \frac{\partial S_N(\theta^0)}{\partial \theta_i} \right] = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, q.$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \frac{\partial S_N(\theta^0)}{\partial \theta_i}\right) &= \frac{\sqrt{N}}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{h^{(i)}}{h} d\omega - \frac{\sqrt{N}}{4\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} E\left|\frac{\sum_n X_n e^{i\lambda n}}{\sqrt{2\pi N}}\right| h^{(i)} d\omega \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} h^{(i)} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\sin^2 \frac{N}{2}(\lambda-\omega)}{2\pi N \sin^2 \frac{\lambda-\omega}{2}} [f(\lambda) - f(\omega)] d\lambda d\omega \end{aligned}$$

since

$$E\left|\frac{\sum_n X_n e^{i\lambda n}}{\sqrt{2\pi N}}\right|^2 = \frac{1}{2N} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\sin^2 \frac{1}{N}(\lambda-\omega)}{\sin^2 \frac{\lambda-\omega}{2}} g(\omega|\theta^0) d\omega.$$

According to Grenander and Rosenblatt (1957, p. 130),

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\sin^2 \frac{N}{2}(\lambda-\omega)}{2\pi N \sin^2 \frac{N}{2}} (g(\lambda) - g(\omega)) d\omega = O\left(\frac{\log N}{N}\right),$$

when  $g(x) - g(y) = o(|x-y|)$ , and  $f(\omega|\theta^0)$  has a bounded derivative (Walker (1964, p. 374)), so that

$$E\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \frac{\partial S_N(\theta^0)}{\partial \theta}\right) = O\left(\frac{\log N}{N}\right). \quad \square$$

Lemma 7:

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \frac{\partial U_N(\theta^0)}{\partial \theta}$  has the limiting distribution

$$N(0, \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \{K_4(\varepsilon) U_0 + K_4(n) V_0\}).$$

Proof:

The asymptotic normality follows from a similar argument to Walker (1964) p. 375. The asymptotic covariance is evaluated by setting  $w_j(\omega) = h^{(j)}(\omega)$  in Lemma 1.  $\square$

Now asymptotically, it holds that

$$\frac{1}{N} \frac{\partial S_N(\theta^0)}{\partial \theta} \approx \frac{S_N(\theta^0)}{\sqrt{N} \partial \theta} - E \left( \frac{S_N(\theta^0)}{\sqrt{N} \partial \theta} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left\{ \frac{\partial U_N}{\partial \theta} - E \left( \frac{\partial U_N}{\partial \theta} \right) \right\} .$$

But in view of Lemma 7, the last term above is distributed as

$N(0, \frac{1}{\pi} w_0 + \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} [K_4(\varepsilon) u_0 + K_4(\eta) v_0]).$  Accordingly in view of (23)

and Lemma 5,  $\sqrt{N}(\hat{\theta} - \theta^0)$  is asymptotically distributed as

$N(0, 4\pi w_0^{-1} + K_4(\varepsilon) w_0^{-1} u_0 w_0^{-1} + K_4(\eta) w_0^{-1} v_0 w_0^{-1}) .$

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